

NEWS OF SHIPPING

Port Third on List of Corn Exporting Points.

RESULT OF BAD WEATHER

No Record Breaking Totals Can be Expected This Month—Tug Covington Towed Into Port in Disabled Condition—Along the Waterfront.

In spite of the unfavorable conditions during the week ending last night, the grain shipments for the week were among the largest of the year and placed this port third on the list of sixteen United States and Canadian ports as to corn exports.

New York headed the list and New Orleans came second and Newport News was ahead of the others by a good margin.

On account of the terrible weather during the first three days of the week, no vessels sailed. During the latter part of the week, however, three steamers sailed, carrying cargoes aggregating 382,857 bushels of corn.

The unfavorable weather conditions have interfered materially with shipping all during this month and the indications are that the custom house records will not show any record breaking figures on the twenty-eighth.

TUG COVINGTON DISABLED.

Lost Rudder Post and Rolled Helplessly in Rough Sea.

The tug Covington, of the Seaboard Transportation Company's fleet, is in port with her rudder post missing.

The Covington sailed from this port several days ago with two barges, but soon after she had passed the capes she struck a submerged wreck. From Wednesday afternoon until Thursday the tug rolled about on a rough sea, while a heavy gale was blowing outside of the capes. The steamer Hector sighted the Covington in distress, but the sea was so rough that she was unable to get alongside of the tug boat, but she proceeded to Norfolk and made a report there of the Covington's plight.

The tug Reliance was sent to the vessel's rescue and she towed the disabled tug into port late Friday night.

STEAMER BEN CLUNE SAILS.

Goes South After Undergoing Extensive Repairs.

The British steamship Ben Clune sailed yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will load cargo and resume her runs in Southern waters. The vessel came to the shipyard from Jamaica several months ago with her hull badly damaged and her engines deranged. Temporary repairs were made and it was intended to send the ship to England for repairs but her owners changed the plans and had the work done here.

IN AND OUT OF PORT.

Vessels Arriving and Sailing—Marine Notes.

The German steamship Pallanza, Captain Schramberg, arrived yesterday from Norfolk to complete loading an export cargo.

The Austrian steamship Eros, Captain Buticich, enroute from Pensacola for Marseilles, loaded bunker coal at this port yesterday.

The British steamship Shenandoah, Captain Trinick, cleared yesterday for Liverpool with a general cargo of exports.

The British steamship Ben Clune, Captain Smith, sailed yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla.

The schooner Fannie Palmer, Captain Nash, arrived yesterday from Boston.

The schooner Charles Davenport, Captain Sprout, sailed yesterday for Providence.

The barge Kentucky sailed yesterday for Allyn's Point in tow.

The Port of Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 18.—Arrived: Steamers Henry Horn, (Ger.) Hansen, Pensacola, and cleared for Ghent, Belgium; Fernmoor, (Br.) Thorburn, New Orleans, and cleared for Queens-town; Uplands, (Br.) Venus, Port Tampa, and cleared for Tonny, France.

Sailed: Steamers Alice, (Nor.) Kundsén, Niobe Bay, Cuba; Toalska, (Br.) Hiltman, Rotterdam.

Schooners Edward Smith, Sears, New York, Wm. Franklin, Saunders, Walkerton, York river.

Schooner Chartered.

A schooner of 543 tons capacity has been chartered for the coal trade between this port and Mayport. The terms of the charter are 95 cents on the ton for one trip.

Marina Coming.

The British steamship Marina, Captain Taylor, sailed for this port from Swansea February 15. The vessel will take a cargo of grain from this port to Europe.

Massachusetts in Dock.

The American steamship Massachusetts was floated into drydock No. 1.

GOT ALLEGED ROBBER

Officer Fired Shot to Halt Young Fugitive.

DESPERATE EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Owen Brannan, an Old Irish Sailor, Charges Alex Stevenson and John Craine With Going Through His Pockets—Hearing Tomorrow.

Alex Stevenson, a young white man who is alleged to have been one of the two thieves who recently robbed an old Irish sailor named Owen Brannan, was captured last night about 11:30 o'clock by Patrolman Crewling. The police have been searching for the man several weeks and he was sighted for the first time by Officer Vanarsdale last night, as the patrol wagon was passing Thirty-seventh street and Huntington avenue.

Officer Crewling was in the wagon and, at a word from his companion, he alighted and approached Stevenson. The man resisted arrest and succeeded in breaking away. He fled up the street, but the officer fired his revolver and brought him to a standstill.

The wagon was called on and on the way to the station Officer Crewling used his club to keep Stevenson quiet. The prisoner was lodged in the station and will be given a hearing tomorrow morning before Justice Brown.

The alleged accomplice of Stevenson is John Craine, a steamfitter, who was tried in the Corporation Court last week on the charge of robbery from the person. The jury failed to agree in the case and it will be put before another jury some time during the present term of the court. Craine is out on bail.

Craine and the man who is alleged to have been Stevenson, were arrested by Officer Boswell shortly after the robbery took place. The officer kept Craine and placed the other man in the custody of Captain W. C. Smith. The prisoner, assisted by four or five friends who had gathered, beat Captain Smith up considerably and succeeded in making their escape before Officer Boswell could go to the rescue.

Craine and Stevenson are alleged to have robbed Brannan in an out-house near Thirty-fifth street and the Chesapeake & Ohio tracks. The sailor had only a few dollars on his person at the time, but he had been seen with quite a large "roll" earlier in the day.

SIMON LAKE X READY TO GO

RESTS ON PIER WAITING FOR STEAMSHIP.

Preparations for Shipping the Submarine Were Completed at the Shipyard Yesterday Afternoon.

All preparations for the shipment of Lake submarine torpedo boat Simon Lake X, have been completed and a rumor was circulated last night to the effect that the plunger will be loaded on an ocean going steamship today and sent to Libau, Russia, via Hamburg.

The submarine was floated out of drydock No. 1 at the shipyard yesterday afternoon after having a cradle built under and lashed to her hull. At sunset the plunger was towed around to the south side of pier 2, where the big electric crane, "Hercules," picked her up and placed her on the top of the pier, where she now rests.

The work of loading the miniature war craft on a steamer will require but a short time, as she is in a portable condition.

Writ of Error for City.

The Court of Appeals has granted a writ of error and supersedeas in the case of Phillips against the city of Newport News. The plaintiff was given judgment for \$750 in the Corporation Court on account of damage done his property by the changing of the grade on Thirty-fourth street.

Invited to Come Here.

The Central Labor Union has invited Mr. Samuel P. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to come to this city and address the laboring people on Monday, February 27. Mr. Gompers will be in Norfolk on February 28 and it was decided to ask him to come here the day before.

Was Almost Frozen.

Jack Putnam, a young man who claims to have belonged to the crew of an oyster boat trading on the upper Chesapeake bay, is at the hospital undergoing treatment. The man was found in the barracks of the Salvation Army Thursday night in an almost unconscious condition as the result of exposure.

Salacia Still Overdue.

The British steamship Salacia, which sailed for this port from Liverpool on January 29, an which was due here last Sunday, has not yet arrived. The steamer is chartered to carry a cargo of grain from this port to Rotterdam, Holland.

Schooners Aground.

The tug Reliance, of Norfolk, with wrecking apparatus, has gone to the rescue of the schooners Fanny Tracy and Samuel H. Sharp, which are aground in James river near Ferguson's Wharf. Both the vessels are in bad condition and some trouble is expected in floating the schooners.

For Sale Cheap.

Good 6-room dwelling, with bath; Twenty-eighth street near Jefferson avenue. NEILS, MARYE, BOYNTON & CHAPIN, Real Estate, Insurance, Loans and Investment Bonds, 2-19-31.

H. J. LEWIS CO. INC.

Washington Ave. and 28th St.

Dress Goods Selling

Just received new stock Dress Material in black and all the new shades—Broadcloths, Serges, Mohairs, Bengolines, Voiles and Thin Material.

40-inch Figured Mohairs, the new material, in all new shades, yard..... 50c

40-inch All-wool Serges in black, brown, navy and greens, yard..... 60c

54-inch All-wool French Broadcloths, all the good shades, yard..... \$1.00

27-inch All-wool Tricot Dress Material, in all shades and black, yard..... 25c

40-inch Nan's Veiling, all-wool, in all shades: pale blue, pink, heliotrope, green, gray, lavender, cream and black, yard..... 50c

40-inch Mohair, high luster, in black, browns, navy blues and white, yard..... 50c

44-inch Mohairs: black and navy blue, high luster, yard..... 75c

45-inch Fancy Dress Goods, silk and wool mixture, new spring colorings, yard..... \$1.25

Plaid Silks—New plaid Silks for suits or waist all the new shades and colorings..... 69c

Soft-finish Taffetas—21-inch Soft-finish Taffeta Silks, all shades and blacks, the regular 69c grade, yard..... 48c

White Dotted Swiss, figures and stripes, 34-inch wide—10c and 12-1-2c.

White Waistings—Remnants of White Mercerized Madras, for waists: these regular 20c and 25c goods, for 12-1-2c.

Dotted Swiss 7-1-2c. A lot of White Dotted Swiss, worth 10c and 12-1-2c, for 7-1-2c.

36-inch Percales for 63-4c. Five hundred yards of Percales in dark and light figures, the 10c quality, for 63-4c.

Ready-to-Wear Skirts.

A big sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Skirts in all-wool Broadcloths, all-wool Serges, all-wool Ettemines, wool mixture, all shades and blacks.

\$12.50 skirts for... \$9.98 9.00 skirts for... \$6.98
10.00 skirts for... 7.98 7.50 skirts for... 4.98
\$4.00 skirts for \$2.98

Flannels.

White Saxony Flannels, all-wool—18c, 25c, 35c, 39c and 50c yard.

Scarlet All-Wool Flannels, twilled: 18c, 25c, 35c, 39c and 50c yard.

Navy Twill All-wool Flannel: 25c, 39c and 50c yard.

Cloak Sale. All our Cloaks on sale at big reductions.

\$12.50 cloaks for... \$8.98 \$7.50 cloaks for... \$4.98
10.00 cloaks for... 6.98 6.00 cloaks for... 3.98

Silk Shirt Waists.

Big sale Silk Shirt Waists in black Peau de Soie Silk and all colors.

\$4.00 waists for... \$2.98 \$5.00 waists for... \$3.98
\$7.00 waists for... \$4.98

House Wrappers. Women's House Wrappers in all colors and styles: 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.98.

Baby Caps. All our stock of Baby Caps at HALF PRICE.



The Home

News of the Week Reviewed and the Comment of the Bay State Veteran Thereupon.

NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME, HAMPTON, VA., Feb. 18.—Here is the way they live in the attics in the Marion Home during cold weather, according to that Home reporter in the Marion News-Tribune:

"Work has been commenced in the various attics of barracks having only radiators therein of putting building paper on the outside of the rooms. On account of the inefficiency of the hot water plant the temperature in these rooms during the recent cold snap was so low that most of the occupants were compelled to seek quarters in the lower wards."

Evidently the lodgers in the lofts at the Marion branch never experienced the rigorous but healthful manners and customs of our boyhood days, never slept in the attic of a story and a half house framed in white oak, and held together with hand-made nails having heads a quarter of an inch in diameter. In those days we were wont to climb a ladder to the attic or garret, and in winter bury ourselves in feather beds, pillows and bolsters, with home-made quilts or comforters for a covering, all laid on a primitive bedstead with a rope bottom, which was built on the lines of a windlass and frequently had to be drawn taut. In those days we could gaze on the rafters, hear the rain patter on the roof and frequently brush the snow which would blow through the crevices in the shingles, from our covering. It was also customary in those days to break the ice in the bucket on a cold morning and take a county Galway wash, then climb down the ladder to the large open fire-place, where we would keep revolving till the invigorating warmth emitted from the front and back logs on the andirons thawed us out.

Again, in those days it was the fashion to wear two-story pompadours and aeroplane hats and caps, and to have the father for a tonsorial artist. His method for cutting hair was quite primitive in that he would simply place an inverted pot over the victim's head and cut all the hair visible around the rim of that inverted pot. He would also give one razor for us to arise in the morning, but he would not cut that razor till after the mother had disturbed our repose for an hour by a series of whisper calls. That one razor, however, was invariably successful, for we would land on the floor as if shot out of a catapult. It was also a social custom in those days to brace the

neighboring farmer in the fall at cider making time. He would invite us to take a straw and suck our fill right from the cider press through the straw and then give us a jugful to take home to the mother. Did you ever get through that experience in your school-boy days? Never. Then you haven't lived.

However, having seen ambitions' bubble burst, we can serenely and individually say, with Lowell Otus Reese, a born poet:

I have passed from it forever. All the wonder and the glamour
Of the little eastern window from the world have worn away;
I have seen its disappointment; I have heard its empty clamor;
And the house I once thought wonderful—how pitiful today!
But who knows?—Perhaps eternity may bring a realizing
Of the things my fancy painted over childhood's early morn;
And, mayhap, the gift of prophecy was, after all, arising
In my heart when I lay dreaming in the house where I was born.

Referring to the driving passage of the Esch-Townsend rate bill through the House, our self-appointed emissary at Washington, says that all doubt about the House's support of the President and its belief of the demand for this reform ends, but the faith of the meteoric railroad magnates in the conservative attitude of the Senate has reached a point that is almost pathetic. Meantime, the agitation for this reform has created an abnormal demand in the East and West for special trains, which will start for the frigid air and discomforts of Canada, with passengers escaping from an investigating pillory. Nearly all of these sky-rocket grafters and tools of a twentieth century Hamiltonian Money Oligarchy will pass through Missouri, where they can see the great reform idea in its native heath.

Pension checks are sent quarterly from the pension office in Washington to 4,865 persons living in sixty-seven different countries and provinces throughout the globe. The total payment to pensioners who do not reside in the United States amounted last year to \$700,722.30.

Metropolitan journals in the Eastern Middle States are still running a revo-

lution over in Russia, but they seem to worry their imaginations quite a little in order to get up the headlines.

Major Beeson, treasurer and paymaster, will pay the monthly or short-draw pensioners Monday, and thereby disburse over \$6,000. Over 600 out of the nearly 3,000 pensioners present draw on the treasurer monthly.

Recent action of the governor has set at rest any doubt that might exist as to the status and efficiency of the fire department in this establishment. In this connection publicity is given to the fact that some of the members of the department worked on the brakes of hand engines in the volunteer fire departments which flourished in all the large cities and towns throughout the country before and during our Civil war, and others in paid departments all over the country since that war, among the latter being Lieutenant Spillman, of the guard, who was prominent in the fire department of Washington, D. C. for 25 years.

Veterans George A. Ives and William W. Maybury have been detailed as clerical assistants to Veteran Geo. Frost, chief of the pension division in the treasurer's office. Both of these veterans are new members of this branch, and are endowed with up-to-date clerical talents.

Governor Thompson inspected this command in quarters, and the subordinate administrative, and mechanical departments Sunday morning. He was assisted by his commissioned and non-commissioned staffs and a detail of company commanders. These inspections take place every Sunday during the winter months.

PROGRESS ON WARSHIPS.

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY ISSUED FROM WASHINGTON.

Thirty-seven Vessels of All Descriptions, Including Twelve Battleships, Are Under Construction Now.

The January naval construction summary has just been issued by the naval bureau of construction and repair. As usual it contains interesting figures and it is given in full below:

Battleships.	Deg. of Comp'n Per Cent.	Jan. 1, Feb. 1.
Newport News Company.		
Virginia.....	75.24	76.96
Moran Bros. Company.		
Nebraska.....	64.91	65.80
Bath Iron Works.		
Georgia.....	71.94	72.61
Fore River Company.		
New Jersey.....	74.30	75.70
Fore River Company.		
Rhode Island.....	77.10	80.70
Navy Yard, New York.		
Connecticut.....	61.51	64.51
Newport News Company.		

Louisiana.....	66.50	67.80
Fore River Company.		
Vermont.....	31.50	35.40
N. Y. Shipbuilding Co.,		
Kansas.....	40.10	41.30
Newport News Company.		
Minnesota.....	52.84	55.70
Wm. Cramp & Sons,		
Mississippi.....	17.84	20.60
Wm. Cramp & Sons,		
Idaho.....	15.39	18.09
N. Y. Shipbuilding Co.,		
New Hampshire.....	0.00	

Armored Cruisers.		
Wm. Cramp & Sons,		
Pennsylvania.....	98.25	99.25
Newport News Company.		
West Virginia.....	98.50	99.25
Union Iron Works,		
California.....	68.70	70.80
Wm. Cramp & Sons,		
Colorado.....	99.27	100.00
Newport News Company.		
Maryland.....	95.14	96.50
Union Iron Works,		
South Dakota.....	65.50	67.90
Wm. Cramp & Sons,		
Tennessee.....	60.53	63.13
N. Y. Shipbuilding Co.,		
Washington.....	60.70	62.70
Newport News Co.,		
North Carolina.....	0.00	
Newport News Co.,		
Montana.....	0.00	

Protected Cruisers.		
Lewis Nixon,		
Chattanooga.....	99.13	99.13
Wm. R. Trigg Company,		
Galveston.....	96.00	97.00
Keefe & Levy Company,		
St. Louis.....	53.50	56.70
Union Iron Works,		
Milwaukee.....	65.10	66.70
Newport News Company.		
Charleston.....	88.22	90.22
Gunboats.		
Gas Engine & Power Co.,		
Dubuque.....	77.60	85.70
Gas Engine & Power Co.,		
Pasadena.....	73.10	76.20
Training Ships.		
Navy Yard, Boston.		
Cumberland.....	88.00	91.00
Navy Yard, Mare Island,		
Intrepid.....	72.00	78.00
Training Brig.		
Navy Yard, Portsmouth.		
Boxer.....	96.00	97.00
Torpedo Boats.		
Harlan & Hollisworth Co.,		
Stringham.....	99.00	99.00
Wolf & Zwicker,		
Goldborough.....	99.00	99.00
Lewis Nixon,		
Nicholson.....	99.00	99.00
Lewis Nixon,		
O'Brien.....	99.00	99.00

Scalded Himself. Mr. George Lohse, one of the proprietors of the Commercial hotel, badly scalded himself yesterday morning while moving a hot water urn. Dr. W. F. Cooper was called to dress the injuries.

Damage to Darling Building. Mr. R. W. Reynolds stated yesterday that the damage done the Darling building by the fires of yesterday and Friday mornings would amount to \$500 and is fully covered by insurance.